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Agenda, Nov. 8, 2010

Diversity Task Group
Arlington Vision 2020

Monday, November 8, 2010 7:30 p.m.

Jefferson Cutter House, Lower Level, Arlington Center
(Enter through parking lot behind house)

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- New Open Meeting Law Requirements: Someone to Take Minutes
- Review & Acceptance of Draft Minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting: **Please bring the minutes attached to this mailing.**
- Report of the Sub-Group Meeting to Increase the Diversity Among Town Meeting Members
 - Ideas & Proposals
 - Volunteers needed to carry out the strategies
- Increasing the Diversity among Diversity Task Group Members
 - Discussion of Potential Strategies
- Outreach to Latino Residents of Arlington
 - Activities/Plans
- Results of Phone Calls to People Who Signed Up for the Diversity Task Group at Town Day
- Encouraging Civil Discourse in Arlington on Controversial Issues. How Can Groups Like Ours with an Interest in Diversity Facilitate Respectful Discussions? Some answers and some questions.
- **Nov. 12, Friday, 7:00pm: A provocative documentary "The House We Live In" examines the roots of housing discrimination in the US and the implications of the past unequal housing practices for today's issues and challenges. A guided discussion follows the film. Sponsored by the Diversity/Inclusion Group at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church in Arlington and the Diversity Task Group, the program is free and open to the community. See attached flyer.**
- Other Business

For more information or suggestions, please feel free to contact either of the co-chairs: Kaitlyn O'Connell, 617-513-1883, kaitlyn.oconnell@aicum.org; Miriam Stein, 781-648-0255, miriam.stein@comcast.net

Future meetings: **2010:** December 13. **2011:** January 10; February 15; March 14; April 11; May 10; June 13. All these meetings will be at the Jefferson Cutter House, lower level, in Arlington Center. Enter through the parking lot.

The goal of the Diversity Task Group, set by Town Meeting, is: "We value the diversity of our population. Our Town's mix of ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds, as well as economic and personal circumstances, enriches us all. We will be known for the warm welcome and respect we extend to all."